

# Moving to Yardleys School Information for Students 2021



# Welcome to Yardleys School

Hello,



My name is Mr Tilley, and I will be your Head of Year 7 when you come to Yardleys in September.

I'm very aware that moving to secondary school can cause Year 6 pupils to feel all kinds of emotions from excitement and curiosity, to anxiety and worry – and everything in between! To be honest, it's quite normal to feel all of these at some point – even once you've arrived at secondary school.

Moving to secondary school is a big step and there are quite a few new things to deal with – new subjects, new people, new rules and ways of doing things. But, I've spent a lot of time in my career making sure that new pupils feel safe and welcome at their new school, and I'm looking forward to doing the same for you!



# Welcome to Yardleys School

I want to mention some of the things that often makes transition (which is what we call the move to secondary school), easier for pupils.

Firstly, we have primary visits. I'm hoping to visit as many of you as possible in your primary schools so I can give you more information about Yardleys, answer any questions you have, and most importantly, so you know at least one friendly face when you arrive in September!

Secondly, when you arrive at Yardleys, you will find that there are people who are there to make sure you settle in well, and that you know what you're doing.

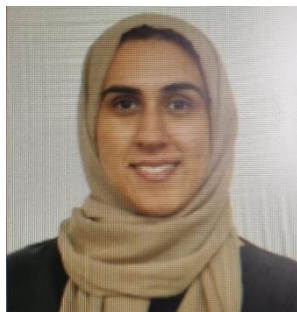
Those people include your Head of Year (that's me!), and your Form Tutor.

Let's meet the team of tutors for Year 7 in September...





# Your Form Tutors



Miss Asghar  
(7 ARA)



Mr Deaves  
(7 DSR)



Ms Doherty  
(7 DYP)



Ms Duncan  
(7 DNS)



Mr Gordon  
(7 GXT)



Ms Perry  
(7 PYE)



Ms Ghafoor  
(7 GRI)



# Induction Day



Due to the latest Government advice, we have had to postpone (move to another date) Induction Day until September.

Your first day at Yardleys School in September will be your Induction Day, and you will be the only pupils in school on that day to help you settle in with as few worries as possible.

Induction Day is one of the ways that we try to help you feel confident and comfortable with the transition to secondary school.



On Induction Day, you have a chance to meet your new form tutor and the other students in your form. You will also take part in “Getting To Know You” activities to help you become familiar with your new school and the people you’ll be spending time with.

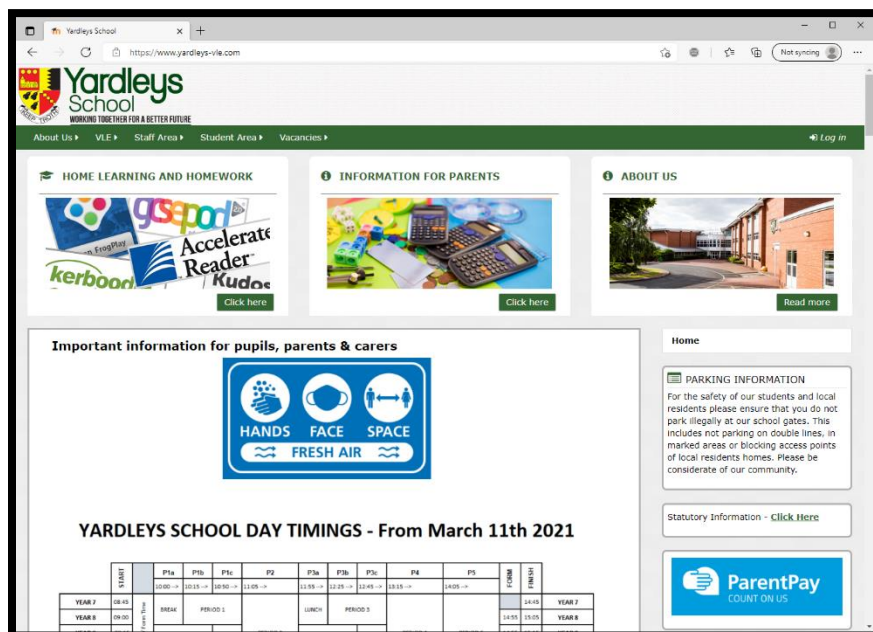


# Year 7 Transition Webpage

Toward the end of June, we will be launching a Year 7 Transition Page on our school website filled with important information for pupils and parents.

You will see video messages from Mr Tilley and your Form Tutors, as well as find documents with vital information about life at Yardleys School to help you feel confident about your move in September.

We will also be sending a letter to your parents explaining how to find this page and give more information about your first day.



The screenshot shows the Yardleys School website with the following sections:

- HOME LEARNING AND HOMEWORK:** Includes logos for 'gseport', 'kerboon', 'Accelerate', 'Reader', and 'Kudoa' with a 'Click here' button.
- INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:** Features an image of school supplies and a 'Click here' button.
- ABOUT US:** Includes a photo of the school building and a 'Read more' button.
- Important information for pupils, parents & carers:** Contains a blue sign with icons for 'HANDS', 'FACE', 'SPACE', and 'FRESH AIR'.
- YARDLEYS SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS - From March 11th 2021:** A table showing the school day schedule.
- PARKING INFORMATION:** A text box explaining parking rules for safety.
- Statutory Information:** A link to 'Click Here'.
- ParentPay:** A logo with the text 'COUNT ON US'.

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YEAR 7	08:45	09:00 ->	09:15 ->	09:30 ->	10:00 ->	11:00 ->	11:15 ->	12:25 ->	12:45 ->	13:00 ->	14:00	14:15
YEAR 8	08:55	BREAK	PERIOD 1		LUNCH	PERIOD 2					14:00	14:15
YEAR 9	09:00										14:00	14:15
YEAR 10											14:00	14:15
YEAR 11											14:00	14:15



# Changes...

**Knowing that things will be different at secondary school is one of the biggest worries that students report. It's true, some things are a bit different...**

## Primary School

- Tend to be fewer pupils overall
- The same class all the way through
- Only one/ two teachers per year
- Less independence
- No detentions
- You're used to Primary!

## Secondary School

- Tend to have many more pupils (although class sizes are similar to primary school) 900 pupils at Yardleys!
- Moving around school to go to different lessons
- Different teachers for each subject, as well as a form tutor
- More independence (and more responsibility!)
- Different rules (although many are still the same)

**Despite these differences, you'll find that there are way more similarities to primary school than you might have thought...**



# Similarities...

You will find that many things are very similar at secondary school to primary school.

- School work throughout the day.
- Teachers will expect you to be working at the best of your ability and following the school rules at all times.
- You will need to put your hand up to answer/ ask questions.
- Classroom expectations will be similar (not talking to friends, focussed on your lesson etc)
- You will have a chance to spend time with your friends at Breaktime and Lunchtime.
- You will have homework to complete.
- You are expected to be in school by a certain time.
- There is always someone you can speak to if you have a problem (Head of Year, Form Tutor, Subject Teachers).
- Members of staff at the school want the best for you and want you to do the best that you possibly can.

**To make things easy when you start at Yardleys, it will help for you to know our basic three rules which come from our Yardleys School Charter...**



# The Yardleys Charter...

## The Three 'R's...

The three Rs are our basic rules for success at Yardleys School, and for life!

They are a part of the Yardleys Charter which describes a wider set of rules that students and staff are all expected to follow at Yardleys School.

Teachers and students at Yardleys wrote the charter together



**Be Ready**



**Be Responsible**



**Be Respectful**



# The Three 'R's...



## Be Ready

- Having all equipment (stationary, uniform, timetable, PE kit etc)
- Having completed your homework.
- Making sure you've had enough rest/ sleep so you can function the next day.
- Making sure you're nourished/ hydrated.
- Ensuring you wake up early enough so you can get to school on time.



## Be Responsible

- Being responsible for having your own equipment.
- Being responsible for arriving on time.
- Being responsible for getting the most out of your education.
- Being responsible for conducting yourself in a safe, polite and respectful way.



## Be Respectful

- Using politeness and courtesy to ensure positive social and professional relationships.
- Arriving to school and lessons punctually (on time) so you don't interrupt a lesson.
- Show appreciation with your good conduct and effort.



# What Yardleys School is All About...

- Ensuring that you are safe.
- Helping you to do the very best that you can, so you can get the best GCSE grades you can.
- Broaden your interests, skills and hobbies by offering you opportunities both in lessons, and with extra-curricular activities.
- Helping your personality to grow. At Yardleys School we have our values which are:  
Resilience, empathy, curiosity, positivity, integrity and reflection.  
We will help you to develop these characteristics at Yardleys School.





# A Typical Day at Yardleys School (Pre-Covid)

In school by 8.40am

School ends at 3.00pm

Form	Period 1	Period 2	Breaktime	Period 3	Period 4	Lunchtime	Period 5	Form
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Subjects that you are likely to study are: Maths, English, English Literature, Science, History, Geography, RE, PE, Design and Technology, Drama, French/ Spanish and ICT.



# See you in September...



I hope you all have a wonderful, restful Summer, and you are excited for this next, positive and vibrant time in your education.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all on your first day. I'll be ready to get you settled in and help make your transition to secondary school as worry-free as possible.

See you in September!